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**I. VAWA STOP Grant Program Overview**

The VAWA STOP Grant program is a formula grant administered to all U.S. states and territories by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. OVW also implements the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security has received the VAWA STOP Grant since 1994.

*The scope of the VAWA STOP grant program is to develop and strengthen law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violence against women as well as develop and strengthen victim services.* The VAWA STOP Grant requires states to fund initiatives that address fourteen statutory purpose areas as outlined in the 2005 Violence Against Women Act. STOP funds must be allocated amongst five categories of funding as follows: 25% to law enforcement, 25% to prosecution, 30% to victim services, 15% discretionary and 5% to court based programs. Additionally, OVW requires each state to submit an implementation plan that outlines the ways they will use their STOP funding to enhance responses to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in accordance with federal priority areas every three years.

As has been voiced by a number of Massachusetts (MA) VAWA STOP grant funded programs, this grant is a vital resource that enables organizations to employ dedicated, well trained, victim-centered staff who can assist domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims navigate the myriad of systems they must travel as a result of their victimization. For the past 13 years, MA VAWA STOP Grant has also supported a variety of programmatic initiatives that enhance victim services, law enforcement, prosecution and court systems' response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The priorities set forth in this plan will build upon the infrastructure that has been created within these systems in an effort to continue to improve the state's response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

*The following is the 2007-2010 Massachusetts (MA) VAWA STOP Grant Implementation Plan as required by OVW.* The goal of this plan is to propose ways in which the VAWA STOP Grant funds will improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and enhance victim services in our state. The information contained within this plan are based on guidelines provided by OVW. All of the priorities set forth in this plan are based on the receipt of future VAWA STOP Grant appropriations and may be subject to modification as a result of the amount of federal funds awarded to the state.

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**II. Planning Process for the Massachusetts STOP Implementation Plan**

The development of the 2007-2010 MA STOP Implementation Plan consisted of three phases. The activities related to each phase are as follows:

*Phase 1*

1. Three meetings were held with VAWA Advisory Committee members. The VAWA Advisory Committee is composed of key leaders in the areas of victim services, prosecution, law enforcement and court disciplines. These meetings provided an opportunity for members to identify service needs and gaps within the areas they represented; provide recommendations regarding plan priorities; and ongoing guidance on the development of the MA STOP Implementation Plan. (Committee meetings took place in September 2006, February 2006 and November 2005)

*Phase 2*

2. Implementation of a statewide VAWA STOP grant needs assessment that collected baseline information of individual perspectives across all victim service levels that work with domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.(June 2006)
3. Conducted two focus groups with professionals working with Limited English Proficiency victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Participants included victim advocates, executive directors, program coordinators and survivors from non-profit and victim service organizations that provide services in both urban and rural regions of the state. (September 2007)
4. Review of various domestic violence and sexual assault related reports and assessments conducted by state and local agencies specific to Massachusetts. (January 1, 2006 to the present)
5. Conducted focus groups with the Northwestern and Bristol County Domestic Violence roundtables. The roundtables consisted of professionals from various disciplines including prosecution, law enforcement, social services, victim services, medical and community based programs that provided services within the Southeastern and Western regions of the state. (February and April 2005)

*Phase 3*

5. Draft STOP Implementation Plan submitted to the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for review and final recommendations.(October 2007)
6. Public posting of MA STOP Implementation Plan for professionals, service providers and survivors to review and comment prior to its submission to OVW. (November 2007)

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Additionally, two meetings were held with non-profit, sexual assault service providers representing the Greater Boston and Western part of the state. The meetings were an opportunity for locally and nationally recognized experts in the field of sexual assault to provide input as to the needs of sexual assault victims in the context of the criminal justice system. The providers were the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center which serves 27 cities and towns in Greater Boston and Everywoman's Center which provides services to Hampshire County, a rural area of the state.

The above activities were conducted to ensure that the Massachusetts STOP Implementation Plan is reflective of the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking service providers, state and local units of government and most importantly, survivors. Furthermore, the review of assessments and surveys conducted by various state and local agencies in respect to domestic violence and sexual assault ensures the priorities in this plan coordinate and address current needs identified by other organizations targeting the same population.

Participation from non-profit, non-governmental victim services agencies took place in every phase of the plan's development. Their input was both valuable and critical in ensuring the needs of survivors were represented and service gaps were identified. Additionally, the information gleaned from focus groups, needs assessment and informal meetings informed the process of the identification of key goals and objectives to be met with VAWA STOP Grant funds over the next three years.

### **III. The Scope of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Massachusetts**

According to the <sup>1</sup>2006 U.S. Census data, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is composed of 6,437,193 residents living in 351 cities and towns. The 351 cities and towns vary in population ranging from cities such as Boston, Springfield and Worcester to small rural towns with only several hundred residents as Gosnold and Monroe. The Commonwealth is broken up into five different geographic regions, and each region has both large and small cities and towns. Based on this size diversity, the average number of persons per square mile is 809.8.

Our population is as diverse as the size of our cities and towns. Eighty-four percent (84%) of the population is Caucasian, 5.4% is Black or African American, 3.8% are Asian, 6.8% percent are Hispanic or Latino, 3.7% from another race and 14.5% are foreign born. English is the predominant language, but 19.3% of the population speaks a language other than English at home. Also, out of this population, 51.8% are female and 13.5% are elderly.

The immigrant population in Massachusetts grew by 35% over the course of a decade. It is estimated that there are approximately 773,000 immigrants residing in Massachusetts. Latin America was the most prominent country of origin for immigrants in Massachusetts, followed by Asia and Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau website: <http://www.census.gov>

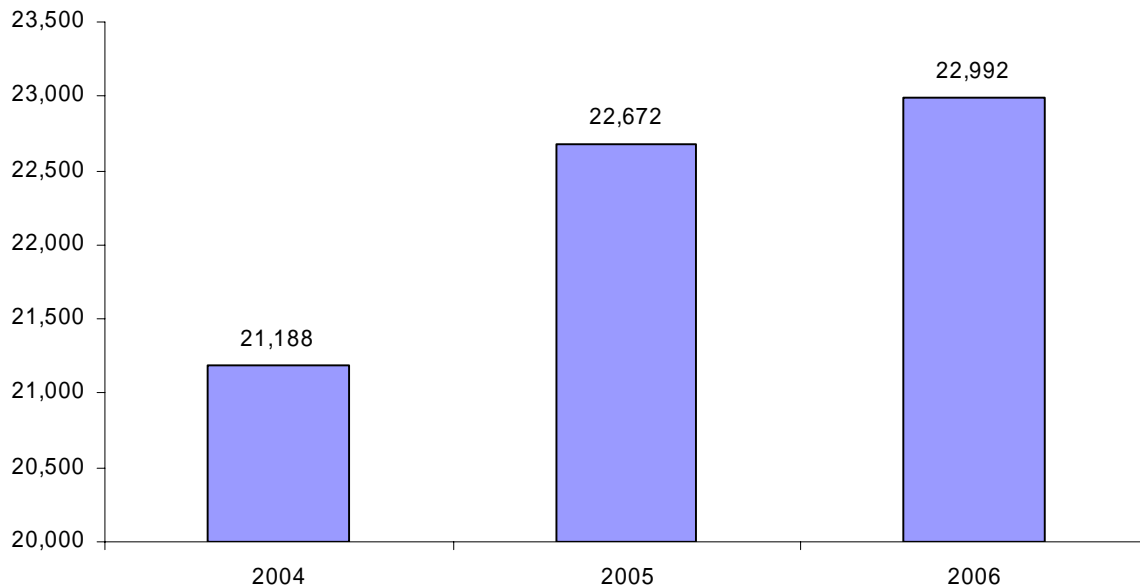
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## Domestic Violence Statistics

*The true scope of domestic violence in Massachusetts cannot be measured.* This is due in part to the lack of a criminal law specific to domestic violence related incidents. Therefore, limited crime data is available in Massachusetts that can accurately reflect the nature and context of domestic violence related incidents in the state. This is even more apparent in communities where large immigrant populations have settled and data in respect to domestic violence is even more difficult to quantify. Most often victims of immigrant populations do not report domestic violence incidents to law enforcement for fear of deportation. For purposes of this report, the statistics contained in this section represents aspects of domestic violence related crime as reported to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and Uniform Crime Reports.

*According to NIBRS<sup>2</sup>, from 2004 to 2006, reports there were a total of 66,852 victims of "crimes against persons"<sup>3</sup> where the victim was an intimate partner or family member. The number of victims increased almost 7% from 2004 to 2005 and increased over 1% from 2005 to 2006.*

**Victims of Intimate Partner or Family Member Violence in Massachusetts, 2004-2006**



Source: Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit

**Total victims = 66,852**

<sup>2</sup> **The City of Boston does not submit data to NIBRS and is not included in the above totals.**

<sup>3</sup> "Crimes against persons" include: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, justifiable homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, kidnapping/abduction, incest, statutory rape, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling.

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Additionally, domestic violence shelters across the state reported that 4,591 women, men and children were sheltered from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Safelink, the statewide domestic violence hotline reports receiving 21,637 calls during the same period. This data demonstrates that a portion of crime victims involving an “intimate partner” is reaching out for assistance. *However, the capacity to shelter and/or house victims has become a growing crisis due to limited availability of shelter beds, services and housing statewide.*

<sup>4</sup>NIBRS provides data on the types of offenses committed by an intimate partner or family member. *From 2004 to 2006, aggravated and simple assaults accounted for 83% of reported offenses committed by an intimate partner or family member.* Incest, statutory rape, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, and forcible fondling accounted for a combined 3% of reported offenses committed by an intimate partner or family member.

#### Massachusetts Victims of Intimate Partner or Family Member Violence by Offense in, 2004-2006

	2004	2005	2006	Total
Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	15	8	15	38
Negligent Manslaughter	2	4		6
Justifiable Homicide <sup>5</sup>				
Kidnapping/Abduction	208	247	227	682
Aggravated Assault	4,092	4,535	4,475	13,102
Simple Assault	13,613	14,444	14,560	42,617
Intimidation	2,670	2,856	3,105	8,631
Forcible Rape	300	307	288	895
Forcible Sodomy	44	42	29	115
Sexual Assault With An Object	11	7	7	25
Forcible Fondling	154	161	181	496
Incest	11	6	8	25
Statutory Rape	185	198	207	590

Source: Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit

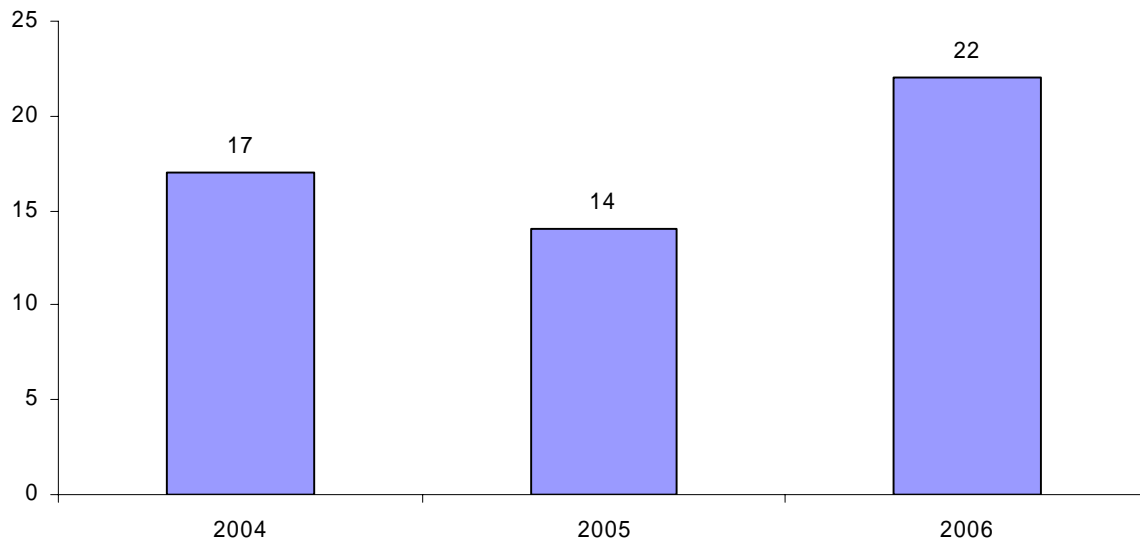
<sup>4</sup> The City of Boston does not submit data to NIBRS and is not included in the above totals.

<sup>5</sup> Data for certain NIBRS variables were unavailable at this time.

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According to the <sup>6</sup>Uniform Crime Reports' Supplemental Homicide Reports, a total of 53 individuals were murdered in Massachusetts during domestic incidents between 2004 and 2006 (Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit). *The number of individuals murdered in Massachusetts during domestic incidents declined approximately 18% from 2004 to 2005 and increased over 36% from 2005 to 2006.*

**Homicides of Intimate Partner or Family Member in Massachusetts by Year,  
2004-2006**



**Total homicides = 53**

Source: Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit

Of the 53 homicides where the victim was an intimate partner or family member, wives were the most common victim (26%), followed closely by girlfriends (24%).

*In correlation with the above homicide data, Jane Doe, Inc., the statewide coalition against domestic violence and sexual assault reports that in calendar year 2005 there were 19 deaths related to domestic violence and in calendar year 2006 the number of deaths related to domestic violence increased by 170% to 34 deaths. Massachusetts is presently projected to surpass the 2006 deaths related to domestic violence, an issue of concern to elected officials, law enforcement, victim service providers and survivors.*

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<sup>6</sup> Includes data submitted by the City of Boston.



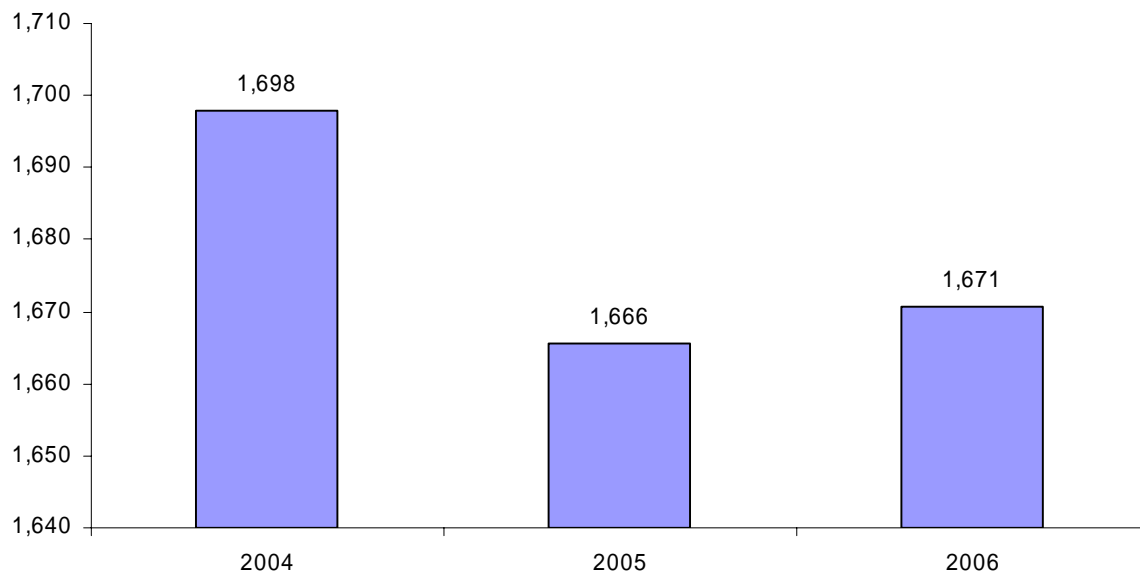
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## **Sexual Violence Statistics**

As in domestic violence related incidents, Massachusetts does not have an individual descriptive analysis of the nature or context of sexual victimization. The following represents aspects of sexual violence related crime data as reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports:

According to the Uniform Crime Reports<sup>7</sup>, there were a total of 5,035 incidents of forcible rape (which includes both rape by force and attempted rape) from 2004 to 2006 (Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit). Incidents of forcible rape declined 2% from 2004 to 2005 and increased slightly (.3%) from 2005 to 2006.

**Forcible Rape in Massachusetts 2004-2006**



Source: Massachusetts State Police, Crime Reporting Unit

**Total forcible rapes = 5,035**

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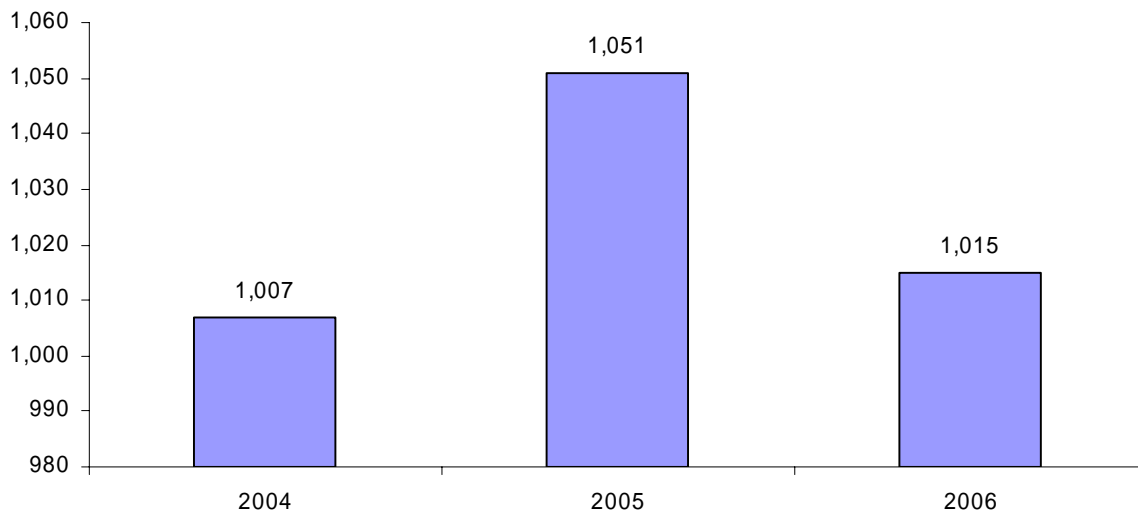
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Beginning in 1999, Massachusetts instituted a separate crime reporting tool (*Massachusetts Provider Sexual Crime Report*) in an effort to capture the nature and characteristics of sexual assault in Massachusetts. The <sup>8</sup>*Massachusetts Provider Sexual Crime Report* was implemented to collect information from victims of sexual assault who seek out medical treatment for sexual assault or rape. Mass General Law 112§12 1/2 requires medical providers who treat rape or sexual assault victims to report details of the crime to the local law enforcement and to the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security.

According to the *Massachusetts Provider Sexual Crime Reports*, a total of 3,073 victims sought treatment at a medical facility as a result of a sexual assault from 2004 to 2006. The number of victims seeking medical treatment as a result of sexual assault increased approximately 4% from 2004 to 2005 and decreased approximately 3% from 2005 to 2006.

**Massachusetts Provider Sexual Crime Reports (PSCR) by Year, 2004-2006**



Source: Provider Sexual Crime Reports (PSCR)

**Total PSCRs = 3,073**

*Of the 3,073 victims who sought treatment at a medical facility as a result of a sexual assault from 2004-2006, 2,923 identified the assailant(s) in their assault. Over 15% (or 453) indicated that the assailant(s) was an intimate partner or a family member<sup>9</sup>.*

<sup>8</sup> Includes data submitted by Boston-based medical facilities.

<sup>9</sup> The total number of victims who sought medical treatment as a result of a sexual assault is different from the total number of victims who identified the assailant(s) relationship to the victim because some victims were unable to identify such a relationship.

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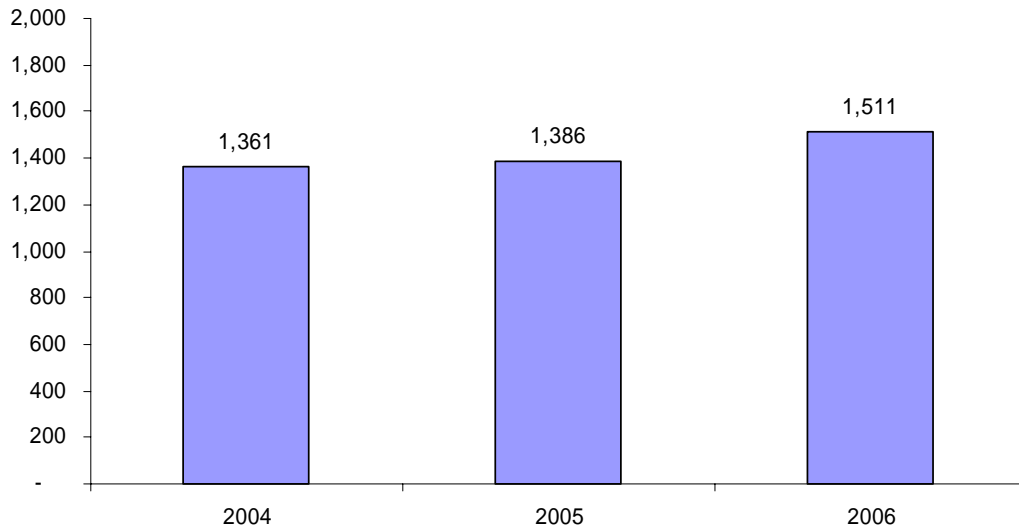
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#### Domestic and Sexual Violence Statistics – City of Boston Specific

According to data reported by the Boston Police Department (BPD), from 2004 to 2006 there were a total of 4,258 incidents of domestic violent crime in the city of Boston (“domestic violent crime” quoted directly from the BPD 2006 Crime Summary Report). The number of domestic violence incidents increased approximately 2% between 2004 and 2005 and increased 9% from 2005 to 2006.

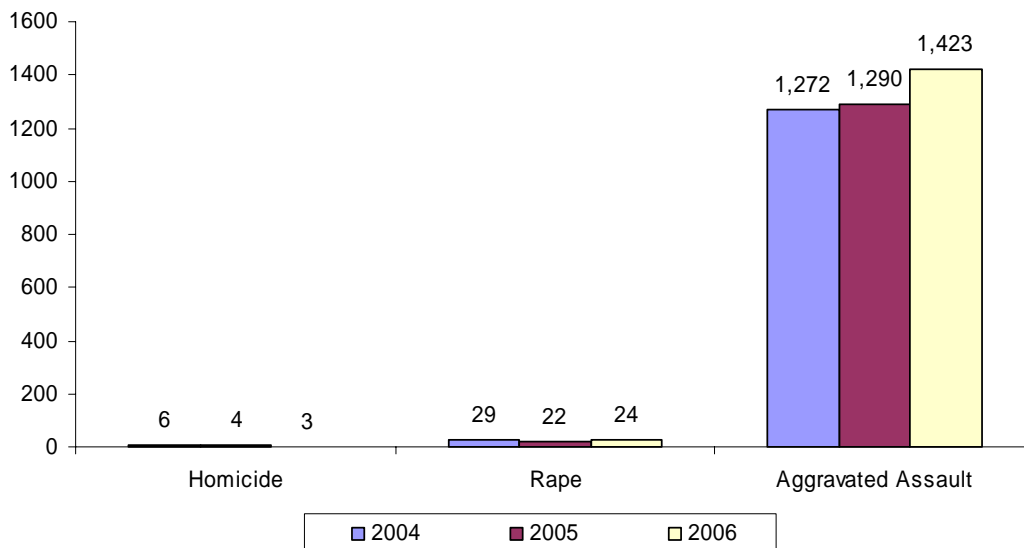
**Incidents of Domestic Violent Crime in Boston, 2004-2006**



Source: Boston Police Department

From 2004 to 2006 incidents of domestic homicide and rape in Boston remained relatively stable. Compared to domestic aggravated assault incidents, incidents of domestic homicide and rape occurred far less frequently. Incidents of domestic aggravated assault increased slightly from 2004 to 2005 (1.4%) and more significantly from 2005 to 2006 (9.3%).

**Domestic Homicide, Rape, and Aggravated Assault Incidents in Boston, 2004-2006**



Source: Boston Police Department

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**IV. Key Findings from Assessments of Domestic and Sexual Assault Related Services**

A number of statewide assessments and surveys have been conducted in the state over the last two years. This plan incorporated the findings of two main assessments. In 2005, the Massachusetts Department of Social Services conducted a “Listening and Learning” tour that assessed domestic violence services across the state. Also in 2005, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance conducted an assessment of needs and services for victims of all crimes and providers serving this population.

The following is a list of service needs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims from the above referenced assessments:

- a. Affordable housing for domestic violence and sexual assault victims;
- b. Shelter services for sexual assault victims;
- c. Additional shelter services for domestic violence victims;
- d. Legal representation for victims of domestic violence (particularly for refugee and immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault);
- e. Availability of linguistic and culturally appropriate services for Limited English Proficiency victims of domestic violence in shelters;
- f. Services for victims with mental health and/or substance abuse issues;
- g. Services for victims with physical disabilities;
- h. Adequate transportation in rural areas;
- i. Teen dating violence prevention and intervention services;
- j. Improving criminal justice systems understanding of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault (training of law enforcement);
- k. Training of judiciary, probation, and court personnel on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking;
- l. Services for victims that identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender.

Furthermore, additional reports have indicated emerging trends requiring intervention and services to address the needs of sexually exploited and/or victims of trafficking, prostitution and a growing immigrant population from Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. The MA STOP Implementation Plan took into consideration these key findings in selecting priority areas and in developing goals and objectives that allowed for the development, enhancement and/or continuation of programs to respond to these needs.

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**V. Massachusetts 2007-2010 STOP Grant Implementation Plan Priorities**

**PART ONE:**

**Goals and Objectives for the Massachusetts VAWA STOP Grant Program by  
Category of Funding**

**A. *Courts Category***

*Goal 1: Improve the courts' response to domestic violence.*

**Objectives:**

- 1(a). Update the 2003 Domestic Violence Court Assessment Report to assess progress made, remaining gaps and identification of emerging issues pertaining to domestic violence cases.
- 1(b). Provide the continued capacity for the employment of the domestic violence coordinator within Administrative Office of the Trial Court.
- 1(c). Provide capacity for training initiatives that support and enhance the court system's proficiency in domestic violence that includes process for identification of high risk cases, offender monitoring and improving abuse prevention order proceedings in coordination with local police departments.
- 1(d). Provide capacity for training of court personnel including the judiciary, probation and court personnel on addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, in particular underserved victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 1:**

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for this goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit a proposal to support initiatives that address this goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 1 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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*Goal 2: Improve the courts' response to sexual assault.*

Objectives:

- 2(a). Conduct assessment of sexual assault related proficiency and training of judiciary, probation and court personnel.
- 2(b). Fund training initiatives that support and enhance sexual assault awareness and services within the judiciary.
- 2(c). Implement training and protocols on addressing prostituted women as victims within the judicial system.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 2:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for this goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit a proposal to support initiatives that address this goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 2 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

***B. Law Enforcement Category***

*Goal 3: Expand police department's capacity to respond to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault victims.*

Objectives:

- 3(a). Provide capacity for police departments to hire specially trained civilian advocates to work directly with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking
- 3(b). Develop and implement certification training for civilian police advocates in police departments that includes responding to the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 3:

- This goal is presently being supported with VAWA STOP Grant funds.
- In 2008 a competitive AGF will be released seeking proposals that continue to support civilian police advocate programs in police departments and the development and implementation of a new Civilian Police Advocate training.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 3 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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*Goal 4: Develop a system to obtain baseline data on a number of police department responses to domestic violence incidents.*

Objectives:

- 4(a). Conduct assessment of police department practices in tracking domestic violence related incidents.
- 4(b). Develop and pilot uniform Domestic Violence Incident Report (that includes data variables for Limited English Proficiency, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and disabled populations).

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 4:

- The May 2008 competitive Application for Grant Funds will solicit responses from qualified programs to conduct an assessment and pilot test the collection of incident based domestic violence data within select police departments.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for this goal beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (10/01/08).

**C. Victim Service Category**

*Goal 5: Enhance services to underserved victims of domestic violence and stalking.*

Objectives:

- 5(a). Enhance domestic violence service providers' ability to respond to the needs of the following underserved victim populations: homeless, elderly, mentally ill, substance abusing, prostituted, Limited English Proficiency, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, adolescent and physically disabled victims.
- 5(b). Support victim service programs that address services for female offenders who are also victims of domestic violence.
- 5(c). Support victim service programs that address economic stability for victims of domestic violence.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 5:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for the above goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit proposals to continue to support initiatives that address this goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 5 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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*Goal 6: Enhance services to underserved victims of sexual assault.*

Objectives:

- 6(a). Enhance sexual assault service providers' ability to respond to the needs of the following underserved populations: elderly, homeless, prostituted, mentally ill, substance abusing, Limited English Proficiency, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, adolescent and physically disabled victims.
- 6(b). Support initiatives that provide specialized victim service agency staff training on needs of prostituting women.
- 6(c). Support victim service programs that address economic stability for victims of sexual assault.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 6:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for the above goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit proposals to continue to support initiatives that address this goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 6 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

*Goal 7: Improve linguistic and culturally appropriate services for Limited English Proficiency victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. (10% set aside)\**

Objectives:

- 7(a). Provide capacity for select culturally specific community-based programs to develop infrastructure to appropriately respond to the needs of Limited English Proficiency victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- 7(b). Promote capacity for select culturally specific community based programs to collaborate with a long-standing victim service agency in developing its capacity to provide services to Limited English Proficiency victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 7:

\*The 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act requires states to set-aside 10 % of funds within the Victim Service category for culturally specific community based organizations providing services to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.



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- Per the VAWA 2005 mandate, this goal and objectives will be implemented in the 2008 competitive Application for Grant Funds.
- 10% of the Victim Service category funds will be set-aside to support proposals approved to implement the above stated initiatives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for this goal beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (10/01/08).

*Goal 8: Improve domestic violence advocacy services available to victims seeking protection through the court system.*

Objectives:

- 8(a). Provide capacity for victim service agencies to hire specially trained civilian advocates to assist domestic violence victims who access assistance through the judicial system.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 8:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for the above goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit a proposal to continue to support initiatives that address this goal and objective.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 8 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

***D. Discretionary Category***

*Goal 9: Develop a better understanding of domestic violence related fatalities.*

Objectives:

- 9(a). Provide capacity for the continued assessment of domestic violence related fatalities.
- 9(b). Support implementation of policy recommendations promoted through the fatality reviews.
- 9(c). Collaborate with necessary stakeholders in dissemination, education and training for the prevention of domestic violence homicides.

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Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 9:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for the above goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit a proposal to continue to support initiatives that address this goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 9 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

*Goal 10: Improve capacity and sustainability of local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.*

Objectives:

- 10(a) Support initiatives that provide technical assistance, training and capacity building for community based programs addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 10:

- This goal and its related objective will be met within the next 3 years.
- The 2008 competitive Application for Grant Funds will solicit a proposal to develop and implement this initiative for local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for this goal beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2008 (10/01/08).

*Goal 11: Enhancement of quality forensic medical services for victims of sexual assault across the state.*

Objectives:

- 11(a). Provide capacity for service delivery of qualified sexual assault nurse examiners in SANE designated sites.
- 11(b). Provide capacity for current, effective and victim-centered training of sexual assault nurse examiners in SANE designated sites.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 11:

- The above stated goal and objectives are currently being implemented by the VAWA STOP Grant.
- The 2008 competitive Application for Grants funds will solicit a proposal for the continued development and implementation of initiatives that support this goal and objectives throughout the duration of this implementation plan.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 11 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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*Goal 12: Implement High Risk Response Teams that improve the safety of domestic violence and stalking victims.*

Objectives:

- 12(a). Provide capacity for select communities to develop and form multi-disciplinary teams that promote enhanced coordination and information sharing of high-risk domestic violence cases.
- 12(b). Provide capacity for on-going training and development of communities with high risk response teams.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 12:

- The VAWA STOP Grant currently provides funding for the above goal and objectives.
- In May 2008 the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive Application for Grants Funds (AGF) which will solicit proposals to continue to support initiatives that address the above goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for Goal 12 throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

***E. Prosecution Category***

*Goal 13: Develop specialized prosecution teams to handle domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases.*

Objective:

- 13(a). Provide capacity for district attorney offices to employ and train specialized victim witness advocates and/or prosecutors dedicated to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases.
- 13(b). Promote capacity for district attorney offices to better respond to underserved victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 13:

- The above stated goal and objectives are currently being implemented by the VAWA STOP Grant.
- The 2008 competitive Application for Grants funds will solicit proposals that develop and support initiatives that maintain the same objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for this goal throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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*Goal 14: Enhance trainings for prosecutors and victim witness advocates handling domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases.*

Objectives:

- 14(a). Provide capacity for the continued development and implementation of the Prosecutors Training Institute.
- 14(b). Provide the capacity for information dissemination and trainings that improve the criminal justice systems' response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Tasks and activities in relation to Goal 14:

- The above stated goal and objectives are currently being implemented by the VAWA STOP Grant.
- The 2008 competitive Application for Grants funds will solicit a proposal for the continued development and implementation of the above stated goal and objectives.
- The VAWA STOP Grant will provide funding for this goal throughout the course of this STOP Implementation Plan.

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***PART TWO:***

***VAWA STOP Grant Statutory Purpose Areas***

The priorities set forth in the 2007-2010 MA VAWA STOP Implementation Plan proposes to address the following VAWA 2005 statutory program purpose areas as required by the Office on Violence Against Women:

<b>VAWA 2005 Purpose Areas</b>	<b>MA STOP Plan Goal</b>	<b>Project types</b>
Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violence crime against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence.	Goal 1, 2 3	Judicial training, law enforcement training, civilian police advocate training, prosecutor training, criminal justice and victim service advocate trainings.
Developing, training or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violence crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.	Goal 1, 2, 3	Civilian police advocate programs, specially trained prosecutors, specially trained victim witness advocates, court-based domestic violence project coordinator.
Developing and implementing more effective police, court and prosecution policies, protocols, orders and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and respond to violence crimes against women, include the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.	Goal 1, 2 , 3, 4, 8	Court assessment of domestic violence and sexual assault services for victims, judicial training programs, civilian police advocacy training programs, prosecutor training, victim witness advocate training, law enforcement training.
Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence program, developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations, providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increasing reporting and reducing	Goal 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12	Bi-lingual, bi-cultural victim services, emergency shelter services, education, outreach and training initiatives, court-based civilian advocates, legal services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, individual and group therapy services.

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attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.		
Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.	Goal 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12	Civilian police advocacy programs, victim services, law enforcement training, prosecutor training
Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.	Goal 1	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner training and services
Providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.	Goal 3, 5, 6, 7, 8	Bi-lingual, bi-cultural victim services, education, outreach and training initiatives, court-based civilian advocates, legal services.
Maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives, while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Victim services, legal services, training and education initiatives, data assessment, data collection, fatality review, policy development and implementation.
Supporting the placement of special victim assistants in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders.	Goal 3	Civilian police advocacy programs.

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***PART THREE:***

***General Description of the Types of Services Proposed for Funding***

*Courts Category*

The VAWA STOP funds will be used to continue supporting the domestic violence project coordinator within the Administrative Office of the Trial Courts. The proposed goals and objectives within this category will be implemented by the domestic violence coordinator in conjunction with the Judicial Training Institute, District, Family, Juvenile and Probation Court staff and the Office of the Court Interpreter Services. The types of projects that will be supported within this category include the updating of the 2003 domestic violence court assessment report, an assessment of the court's response to sexual assault victims, trainings for judges, probation and court personnel on domestic violence and sexual assault related topics. Programs funded in this category will be required to consult with a victim service provider in the development and implementation of their proposed activities.

*Law Enforcement Category*

The VAWA STOP funds are the main funding source in the state for the employment of civilian advocates within law enforcement departments. Additionally, this Implementation Plan will support a certification training that will integrate a sexual assault component and promote professional development of civilian police advocates across the state. Agencies funded in this category will be required to consult with a victim service provider in the development and implementation of their proposed activities. The types of projects to be funded include domestic violence incident based data collection, civilian police advocacy services, law enforcement personnel training and education.

*Victim Service Category*

The VAWA STOP funds will be utilized to support initiatives across the state that are funded in part or restricted by the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Transitional Assistance, VOCA, Byrne/JAG as well as other federal and/or foundational grants. Domestic violence and sexual assault programs' ability to provide specialized services to underserved populations continues to be enhanced due to the MA STOP grant's ability to fund a variety of initiatives. The types of projects to be funded in this category will include advocacy services for underserved domestic violence and sexual assault victims, domestic violence and sexual assault related education, training and outreach, mental health and substance abuse treatment, legal services and immigration assistance.

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*Discretionary Category*

The VAWA STOP funds in this category will be used to support select pilot projects as well as continued funding of victim-service based initiatives. This category will be used, in part, to expand the amount of victim services funded under the MA VAWA STOP Program and support proposals for select initiatives and/or pilot projects. The types of projects that may be supported in this category include the continued assessment and implementation of findings in relation to domestic violence related fatalities, development and training of high risk response teams, enhanced forensic medical services for victims of sexual assault and technical assistance for local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

*Prosecution Category*

The VAWA STOP funds will be used for the hiring and sustaining of specially trained prosecutors and victim witness advocate handling domestic violence and sexual assault cases. All district attorney offices receiving VAWA STOP funds are required to use the *Massachusetts Prosecutors Manual: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*, Third Edition (2007) for training of their prosecutors and the *Victim-Witness Advocate Training Manual* for training all victim witness advocates supported with VAWA funds. Agencies funded in this category will be required to consult with a victim service provider in the development and implementation of their proposed activities. Finally, a vertical prosecution team model will be encouraged in prosecuting domestic violence and sexual assault related cases for district attorney offices receiving VAWA STOP grant funds.

The VAWA STOP funds will also continue to support the Statewide Prosecutors' and Victim Witness Advocates' Training Institute. The Training Institute will provide annual in-depth training on various topics pertaining to the handling and prosecuting of domestic violence and sexual assault related cases such as Domestic Violence 101 for new prosecutors, Sexual Dangerous Persons training for criminal justice professionals and an annual Victim Witness Advocate conference.



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***PART FOUR:***

***2007-2010 MA VAWA STOP Implementation Plan's Relation to Prior MA STOP Plan Priorities***

*Direct Services*

The 2003-2006 Massachusetts STOP Implementation Plan fostered and supported a system of specialized domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking services across the state. The above stated priorities will continue to build and enhance direct services for domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims of underserved populations seeking assistance within law enforcement, victim services, prosecution and court based programs. This Implementation Plan will build upon the existing network of services while allowing for funding of a small number of new initiatives that address gaps in services and emerging issues affecting domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.

The VAWA STOP funds will also continue to support programs that commit to collaborating with traditional and non-traditional community based partners, especially local domestic violence and sexual assault programs in developing and implementing their programs. This condition will be a funding criteria and will require the submission of a memorandum of agreement and/or letter of support from the sub-grantee.

Additionally, the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security will continue to coordinate quarterly meetings with state agencies that also fund domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking services in an effort to improve coordination of victim services across the state. The core responsibilities of the "state funders" group will be to continually assess the distribution of funds to avoid duplication of services, identification of gaps, provide technical assistance and respond to emerging issues among domestic violence and sexual assault service programs across the state.

*Training Initiatives*

As a result of the continued rate of attrition across victim services, law enforcement, courts and prosecution based programs a need has developed for ongoing training across disciplines. The continued funding of training initiatives ensures staff in all program areas is provided consistent training and resources to adequately respond to the growing needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The goals and objectives in this plan that support training initiatives will enhance trainings conducted under the previous plan and continue to provide capacity for the implementation of updated trainings across all disciplines. Furthermore, the ability to support education, training and outreach initiatives allows programs to expand their agency's capacity to reach underserved victims. The funding of these types of initiatives addresses a service area that is prohibited or limited by other domestic violence and sexual assault funding streams within the state.

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## **New Priorities**

This plan also proposes to support two new goals as a direct result of identified needs within the law enforcement and victim service categories. The need for Goal Four has been proposed due to the lack of statewide police based domestic violence incident data. A commitment of funds for this initiative is a substantial shift in priority within the Law Enforcement category from the 2003-2006 STOP Implementation Plan. Likewise, the need for technical assistance to local domestic violence and sexual assault programs as indicated in Goal Ten, in addition to funding of direct services and training, reflects a shift in funding priority over the next three years within the Discretionary category of funding. The impact of these new initiatives over the next three years cannot be determined at this time.

## **VI. Overview of the Massachusetts STOP Grant Competitive Process**

The Massachusetts VAWA STOP Grant releases a competitive Application for Grant funds every three years. The last competitive grant was released in May 2005 and funded 65 programs across the state.

Prior to the release of the May 2005 competitive AGF, four regional forums were conducted across that state that provided information about the VAWA STOP Grant that included an overview of the grant's purpose areas, guidelines on federal and state grant application requirements and an opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions in relation to the grant program. The forums were geographically located to foster interest and provide an opportunity for programs in both rural and urban parts of the state to learn about the VAWA STOP grant program. Resources providing guidance on developing a strong grant application, identifying research and promising practices and links to grant writing workshops were distributed to all who attended.

*In May 2008, the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security intends to release a competitive AGF.* The VAWA STOP Grant program will sponsor four regional workshops prior to the release of the competitive AGF in an effort to inform potential applicants across the state about the VAWA STOP Grant. Additionally, the MA STOP program will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Refugee Immigrant Services and Empowerment program and Jane Doe, Inc., the state's domestic and sexual assault coalition to reach out to culturally specific organizations in an effort to inform them of the specific opportunities available to them as a result of the mandated VAWA 2005 10% set-aside for funding of culturally specific community based organizations.

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*The MA VAWA STOP Grant Program will take into account the following criteria in distributing funds across the state:*

1. State and local domestic violence and sexual assault crime data (where available);
2. Size of the target population to be served;
3. Demographics of the target population;
4. Geographic area served by the applicant (rural or urban);
5. Number of victim services programs within the caption area to be served;
6. Existence of similar services within the caption area to be served;
7. Distribution of other domestic violence and sexual assault related state and federal funded services in proposed region;
8. Amount requested and availability of funds within each category.

Awards will be made in a format that ensures equitable distribution of VAWA STOP funds across the state in coordination with additional domestic violence and sexual assault related funding sources distributed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. Additional state agencies (Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Massachusetts Department of Education) will have the opportunity to review the funding recommendations to ensure the programs and services to be funded by VAWA enhance, not duplicate services addressing the same target population.

***MA VAWA STOP Grant Awards***

The awarding of MA VAWA STOP Grant funds for initiatives proposed in this plan will be based on congressional mandates set forth in the 2005 Violence Against Women Act. In May 2008, a competitive Application for Grant Funds (AGF) will be released to eligible entities that have proficient experience and capacity to service victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking within law enforcement, prosecution, court and victim service based organizations. The AGF will require applicants to submit proposals with specific information to help guide the proposal review and award process. *Proposals considered for funding will be based on how the applicant meets the following criteria:*

1. Demonstrated need for proposed services;
2. Size of target population and/or region to be served;
3. Demographic characteristics of the target population to be served (if available);
4. Capacity of applicant to implement proposed program;
5. Soundness of proposed initiative;
6. History of providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking;
7. Number of domestic violence/sexual assault incidents/victims responded to or served within a one year period;
8. Coordination of services and collaboration with key partners within the community.

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All grant proposals will be assessed within the category of funding requested (law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim services and discretionary) and reviewed by professionals with subject matter expertise in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Proposals selected for funding will be offered a three year award to support and develop the proposed program initiatives. Sub-grantees will be required to submit an annual request for funding along with an updated proposal reflecting the project's progress. Funding within the three year award period will be based on sub-grantees adherence to the project's goals and objectives, federal and state grant requirements and availability of federal funds.

Timeline for current and future VAWA STOP Grant awards

October 1, 2007- September 30, 2008	FFY07 federal funds distributed to current sub-grantees for a third and final year of funding of current projects.
May 2008	Competitive Application for Grant Funds released for awarding of reverted Federal Fiscal Year 2006 and Federal Fiscal Year 2008 VAWA STOP Grant funds.
June 2008	Proposals due to EOPS, reviewed and scored.
September 2008	Award decisions announced.
October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2011	Three year VAWA STOP Grant award period.

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**VII. Responding to the Needs of Underserved Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

*The Massachusetts VAWA STOP Grant program has historically structured its competitive AGF to solicit proposals for initiatives targeting underserved populations. The category of populations designated as “underserved” in the current and future AGF’s have been identified by the VAWA Advisory Committee, recent surveys, focus groups and assessments addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Additionally, a major criteria for grant awards takes into consideration the underserved population being addressed by the applicant.*

As a result of the VAWA 2005 10% set-aside funding mandate for culturally specific community based organizations, the VAWA STOP Grant Administrator will also work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Refugee Immigrant Services and Empowerment program and Jane Doe, Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in the May 2008 AGF to include funding priorities that are reflective of the needs of culturally specific communities. By collaborating with these agencies, EOPS hopes to expand its outreach to applicants statewide.

Additionally, prior to the release of the 2008 competitive Application for Grant Funds, regional training sessions regarding the priorities of the VAWA STOP Grant will be provided across the state. This will provide an opportunity for programs to become better acquainted with the MA STOP grant program, competitive grant process and obtain more in-depth assistance prior to the release of the grant. The competitive solicitation will be posted on a multitude of list-serves that include state agencies, non-profit organizations, local domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, judiciary and prosecutor offices. Additionally, the grant administrator will solicit the assistance of the VAWA Advisory Committee members in disseminating the AGF amongst their peers in an effort to reach additional programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

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**VIII. Potential Barriers to Implementing the 2007-2010 Massachusetts  
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*A. Funding Reductions*

Massachusetts has experienced a five year reduction in both state and federal funding of domestic violence and sexual assault services. As a result, victim service agencies have had to allocate funding toward direct services for victims and fewer resources toward education, training and outreach initiatives.

Programs who were awarded a grant during the last three year funding cycle found it difficult to specifically target underserved populations. As a result, a majority of VAWA STOP funds have been used to maintain core domestic violence and sexual assault related services for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking over the last three years.

*B. Grant Adherence and Sustainability*

A decrease in federal VAWA STOP funds to the state has also contributed to the inability of certain programs to sustain their initiatives as a result of reductions to their VAWA STOP awards. Select programs have stated that the demand of federal reporting requirements coupled with reduced grant awards has contributed to their decision to terminate their VAWA STOP contracts due to their the inability to successfully comply with federal and state grant requirements.

If decreases in both state and federal funds continue, then the largest barrier to successfully meeting the goals and objectives addressing victim services and training initiatives set forth in this plan may not be met. Technical assistance for programs will be necessary to help programs find creative ways to seek out alternative funding sources and maximize their agency capacity during tight fiscal times.

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*C. Police Response Data*

The inability to identify the number of domestic violence related incidents responded to by police departments across the state may create a barrier in successfully completing Goal Four outlined in this plan. Previous efforts to collect this information have not been effective due to a variety of issues including:

1. Lack of a standardized domestic violence incident reporting instrument.
2. Inability to implement a reporting instrument across all police departments.

In an effort to address this potential barrier, this plan proposes to conduct an assessment of police department data collection methods and utilize the assessment findings to develop a tool that can be implemented across all departments.

**IX. Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects Funded by the Massachusetts STOP Grant**

*All sub-grantees funded by the MA VAWA STOP Grant are subject to close monitoring by the VAWA STOP Grant Manager and Administrator. The following activities are conducted annually to ensure grant compliance:*

1. Submission of quarterly progress and financial reports throughout their three year contract period;
2. Participation in an annual Technical Assistance Training Workshop which provides an opportunity for all VAWA STOP Grant programs to network, exchange ideas and share information. Additionally, STOP grant specific programmatic and financial guidelines are reviewed and discussed;
3. Submission of an Annual Progress Report that reflects the services provided by the VAWA STOP Grant in a calendar year;
4. Participation in site visit and/or desk reviews during the course of their three year contract. The desk and site visits allow for the grant manager to address the sub-grantee's progress in meeting their goals and objectives and address areas of need or concern in respect to the VAWA STOP funded initiative;
5. Submission of an annual request for funding of their program through a continuation application in year 2 and 3 of the contract period. The continuation application requires programs to demonstrate the progress of their STOP grant program and how their proposed initiatives will build upon their previous accomplishments. Resources on how to develop and maintain performance measures are provided to help programs monitor their project's success. Further resources and guidance regarding programmatic evaluation is provided at the annual Technical Assistance Workshop referred to in bullet #2.

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All VAWA STOP Grant sub-grantees are required to attend an annual Technical Assistance Workshop. The workshop is held in October of each federal fiscal year. It provides the sub-grantees an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the VAWA grant administrator and manager. Technical assistance is provided on federal and state fiscal and programmatic grant requirements.

Additionally, participants can attend workshops that address specialized topics addressing emerging issues such as “Domestic Violence & Firearms”, “Dangerousness Assessment” and the “Safety Net technology project”. The goal of the annual event is to sponsor an opportunity for sub-grantees to learn about model programs, network and acquaint themselves with other STOP funded projects in an effort to forge relationships, coordinate their services and improve their response to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims.

### **X. Conclusion**

The 2007-2010 Massachusetts STOP Grant Implementation Plan hopes to address and improve services for domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims across the state. The key focus for this plan will be to build upon the existing infrastructure created by the past 13 years of VAWA STOP funding while allowing for a small number of new initiatives that address gaps and emerging needs.

This plan will serve as a tool for the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, VAWA Advisory Committee and many other organizations committed to utilizing Office on Violence Against Women grant funds to serve victims. ***The ultimate goal of this plan is that Massachusetts will have a stronger criminal justice and victim service system committed to providing victim-centered, culturally sensitive responses to those victimized by domestic and sexual violence within the next three years.***



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**Sub-grantees highlighted in green reflect the “culturally specific programs” funded with victim services/discretionary funds**

# ***FFY2007 VAWA STOP Grant Award Recommendations***

## ***Eligibility Category      Courts***

<i><b>Grantee</b></i>	<i><b>Program Name</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>2007 Award</b></i>
Administrative Office of the Trial Court  Two Center Plaza Boston, MA 02108	Domestic Violence Court Assessment Project	The Administrative Office of the Trial Court's proposed program consists of three components: 1) The Domestic Violence Court Assessment Project (DVCAP) which builds upon the work of the statewide court assessment, the results of which were published in August, 2003, as Progress and Challenges: Viewpoints on the Trial Court's Response to Domestic Violence, including work to address difficult issues highlighted in the assessment report, revision of forms and the Guidelines, provision of appropriate materials for court staff and participation in numerous public and private collaborations, 2) presentation by the Judicial Institute of programs for judicial and non judicial personnel covering issues arising in court cases involving violence against women and 3) Redesigning the Court's Response to Prostitution, a project designed to assist the courts to better understand and address issues faced by prostituted women and to allow better handling of their cases.	\$100,400.00
Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center  2 Harris Street Newburyport, MA 01950	High Risk Case Response Team	The High Risk Conference made possible by FY 06 VAWA funds sparked interest in replicating the High Risk model in several communities. In order to replicate the model, potential team members must receive training in lethality and risk assessment, enhanced investigation, offender monitoring and multi disciplinary collaboration. Continued FY 07 VAWA funding would allow us to respond to at least four training requests from court personnel, district attorney's offices, domestic violence roundtables and community collaborations. In addition, JGCC would conduct a one day High Risk Conference to reach additional professionals, as last year the conference reached capacity.	\$14,000.00

## *Eligibility Category*

## *Law Enforcement*

<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>2007 Award</i>
Adams Police Department  4 School Street Adams, MA 01220	Domestic Violence Advocate	The Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC) and the Adams Police Department (APD) is EOPS/VAWA funded and is seeking EOPS/VAWA funding to continue its program of improving the overall response of the Adams Police Department to situations characterized by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; to integrate a trained and specialized domestic violence advocate in the Department; to improve victim service satisfaction; to raise community awareness concerning the issues of domestic violence and to establish a collaborative relationship between the civilian advocate and the Adams Police Department personnel.	\$13,000.00
Athol Police Department  584 Main Street Athol, MA 01331	Domestic Violence Civilian Advocate	The Athol Police Department and the New England Learning Center for Women In Transition (NELCWIT) will collaborate to provide a Civilian Advocate, who is available to victims immediately after domestic violence incidents, and to ensure that police officers are well-trained in their responses to domestic violence. The Civilian Advocate will be a half-time NELCWIT employee (17.5 hours per week), and will be based in the Athol Police Department. This advocate has typically contacted over 150 victims each year, offering comfort, support, safety planning, referrals, and information about legal options.	\$21,000.00
Berkshire County Sheriff's Office  467 Cheshire Road Pittsfield, MA 01201	Female Offender Treatment Program	The Berkshire County Sheriff's Office seeks a continuation of VAWA Grant funding for the Female Offender Treatment Program. This project involves collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and human service providers within the community. The Elizabeth Freeman Center, Berkshire Children and Families and the Christian Center join with the Sheriff's efforts in providing, education and life skills in relationships and parenting. The goal of the project is aimed at providing the necessary tools for previously incarcerated women to successfully re-enter society, upon their release.	\$8,000.00
Braintree Police Department  282 Union Street Braintree, MA 02184	VAWA Grant Program	This program proposes the continuation of a coordinated response to domestic violence within Norfolk County, Massachusetts by maintaining level funding for the Civilian Advocate Position within the Braintree Police Department. This funding would allow for on-going outreach to victims of domestic violence that are identified by the police department and local referring agencies. Over 600 victims are identified annually through this police department and offered information, support, safety planning and referrals. Through this position the advocate also attends interagency meetings and provides community education workshops for the purpose of enhancing a collaborative effort to increase victim safety.	\$20,500.00

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<i><b>Grantee</b></i>	<i><b>Program Name</b></i>		
Bristol County Sheriff's Office	Empowering Women for Success	The Bristol County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the Greater New Bedford Women's Center strives to give women who have seldom known success the empowerment, the reasons, and the resources to explore their potential. A counselor and a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, from the Greater New Bedford's Women's Center works an average of 12 hours a week focusing on assessments, and reintegration planning for women referred to this program. This program is designed to provide wrap-around reentry services for women who have been identified as victims of domestic violence. EWS is a reintegration/life skills program aimed at preparing women for a successful return and reentry to the community.	\$10,000.00
400 Faunce Corner Road North Dartmouth, MA 02747			
Brookline Police Department	Domestic Violence Advocate	The Brookline Police Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Unit serves the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The primary goal of the program is to decrease future victimizations and to develop and strengthen law enforcement strategies and victim services in cases involving violent crimes. The domestic violence advocate will continue to provide victim support and crisis intervention and to collaborate with local agencies to provide community outreach and education and refer victims of domestic violence/sexual assaults. In addition, the domestic violence sexual assault advocate will continue to work with community policing and provide teen dating violence prevention programs to the middle and high schools.	\$19,000.00
350 Washington Street Brookline, MA 02445			
Chelsea Police Department	Civilian Police Advocate	The program has a Civilian Advocate that works out of the police station with the Domestic Violence Detective in conjunction with the local Domestic Violence agencies. She is a part-time 20 hour a week worker assisting with cases directed by the detective and provides a resource data base for clients	\$18,678.00
19 Park Street Chelsea, MA 02150			
City of Worcester	Worcester's Intervention Network (WIN) Program	The Worcester Intervention Network (WIN) Program is a working partnership between the YWCA/Daybreak and the Worcester Police Department's (WPD) Domestic Violence Unit. Working out of the Domestic Violence Office at the WPD, the WIN Coordinator and program staff provide follow up contact to all police-involved domestic violence incident reports referred to them by the Sergeant of the Domestic Violence Unit. Follow-up contact includes information, advocacy, support, safety planning, and referral to the appropriate services, including Daybreak services locally. Contact with victims early in the cycle of violence is critical and can prevent future incidents from occurring.	\$22,414.00
City Hall, 455 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608			

***Eligibility Category******Grantee******Law Enforcement******Program Name******Description******2007 Award***

East Bridgewater Police Department

Civilian Police Advocate

153 Central Street, P.O. Box 475  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc (BFCR) and the East Bridgewater Police Department have collaborated for several years on a program that addresses a previously underserved population. This proposal seeks to continue our very successful program providing services to victims of domestic violence who live in the communities of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater (the Bridgewaters). The Advocate has been an integral part of an area domestic violence roundtable, and has been successful at bringing the White Ribbon Campaign to the Bridgewaters. The Advocate also increases accessibility of services for victims in the Bridgewaters by providing services on-site, which is crucial given the lack of public transportation and the paucity of other social service resources in the area.

\$21,000.00

Falmouth Police Department

Civilian Domestic Violence Specialist

750 Main Street  
Falmouth, MA 02540

The Falmouth Police department will continue to implement recommended best practices in the delivery of domestic abuse intervention services. The Civilian DV Specialist will continue to work both within the department in an educational capacity and throughout the community as an advocate to victims and liaison to other social service agencies.

\$11,100.00

Hampden County Sheriff's Office

Domestic Violence Assessment and Reentry

627 Randall Road  
Ludlow, MA 01056

The Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center, within the Hampden County Sheriff's Office, will continue to work with a local Jane Doe provider and several local college MSW programs to refine and expand the implementation of the Domestic Violence Assessment Kit (DVAK) to measure the applicable needs and experiences of female inmates. The assessment will be used as the basis of staff training, inmate programs and collaborative work in the community. The DVAK is a standard tool during intake assessment and continues to be vital for individual re-entry planning.

\$10,500.00

Help for Abused Women and their Children, Inc. Lynn Police Liaison

\$22,500.00

27 Congress St., Salem, MA 01970

The Lynn Police Liaison Program is a continuation of a currently funded STOP position at HAWC, a community based, non-profit domestic violence program. This program provides services to battered women who are elderly, experiencing substance abuse and/or mental health issues, or whose primary language is not English. It is a collaboration with the Lynn Police Department. HAWC's Police Liaison in a 20-hour per week position, providing follow-up, safety planning, emotional support, and appropriate referrals to domestic violence victims to whom the Lynn Police Department has responded. This program provides a rapid link to HAWC's extensive service network, thereby increasing the number of women who safely escape violent relationships.

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Hingham Police Department  212 Central Street Hingham, MA 02043	Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate	The Civilian Domestic Violence Advocacy Program is a collaboration between the Hingham Police Department, the Norwell police department, and the South Shore Women's Resource Center. The advocate follows up to domestic violence calls and offers crisis intervention, safety planning, risk assessment, as well as individual and group counseling and advocacy. She also makes information on domestic violence available to officers of the Hingham and Norwell police departments. In addition she provides community outreach to organizations, churches, clubs and individuals in the towns of Hingham and Norwell.	\$27,500.00
Holyoke Police Department  138 Appleton Street Holyoke, MA 01040	Victim Advocate	The Holyoke Police Department has, for the last four years, proactively engaged in combating domestic violence by taking steps to insure that perpetrators of domestic violence were arrested and that the victims received the necessary protection and information so that they could help themselves out of abusive situations. One of the more important steps taken was the training of officers in domestic violence response in addition to being trained in domestic violence photography, impact on families, intervention with children of domestic violence families, domestic violence investigation, work place, child abuse and neglect, violence against women, child abuse photography, victim rights, etc.	\$20,500.00
Leominster Police Department  29 Church Street Leominster, MA 01453	Domestic Violence Civilian Liaison	The domestic violence liaison, within the Leominster Police Department, reviews all domestic related reports and then attempts to make phone contact and written correspondence with the victim. As a means of crisis intervention, the victim is then referred to SAFEPLAN for assistance with restraining order application, the District Attorney's office for arrest/arraignment follow up, is assisted with obtaining 911 cell phones when necessary, as well as safety planning, referral for shelter if necessary and referral to other community agencies as needed. Victim follow-up and support during the criminal process is also provided. The liaison also provides training to the dispatchers, new recruits and veteran officers by updating the department on new case law and best practices in domestic violence in law enforcement.	\$32,500.00

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Lexington Police Department

Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate

1575 Massachusetts Avenue  
Lexington, MA 02420

The Lexington Police Department (LPD) is partnering with REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc. (REACH) to further enhance and develop the outreach and prevention efforts of the Lexington Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT), which aims to close the gap in services to victims of domestic violence by providing a collaborative community-wide response to the issue. To create the DVRT, we partner with organizations and individuals including: Community Based Justice Committee, Public Schools, Clergy Association, Minuteman Senior Services, Middlesex District Attorney's office, Department of Social Services, Town Social Worker, and Lahey Clinic. These DVRT partnerships help ensure that families affected by abuse have access to necessary resources and empower the community- rather than just individuals – to take responsibility for holding batterers accountable and keeping victims safe. This coordinated approach increases community awareness of domestic violence, leading to enhanced services to meet the needs of victims of violence, as well as preventing further violence.

\$20,500.00

Malden Police Department

Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate Program

200 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

The Malden Police Department is seeking to maintain funding for its Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate position, a position that allows for one-to-one support services for victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. The advocate works closely with area law-enforcement agencies and social service organizations while collaborating with the District Attorney's Office to provide a collaborated response to domestic violence related crimes in conjunction with encouraging the enhancement of these relationships for the benefit of victims. The advocate assists victims in court with 209A applications at the district and family court levels. The advocate is responsible for the case management of the victim(s) via risk-assessment, safety planning, shelter referrals and the explanation of and assistance with their rights under M.G.L. c.258B. The services provided by the advocate to victims, as well as the training given to department officers and the community outreach and education provided are a direct aid in reducing the recidivism rate of domestic violence.

\$15,000.00



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Mashpee Police Department  19 Frank Hicks Drive Mashpee, MA 02649	Mashpee Police Department Violence Against Women	In partnership with Independence House, Cape Cod's agency providing services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, the Mashpee Police Department has developed an experienced and well trained domestic violence team that provides a strong law enforcement response to domestic violence with critical follow-up support to victims and their families. Leading this combined response to domestic violence cases are the DV Unit Coordinator, a Veteran Detective and an experienced Civilian Domestic Violence Specialist. Promoting awareness within the community to the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and the resources available to those in need is a top priority of the program. Strong collaboration with agencies throughout the community and region continues to be another important program goal.	\$25,740.00
Middlesex Sheriff's Office  269 Treble Cove Road Billerica, MA 01862	Violent Crimes Against Women Services Unit	The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is requesting funding from the Executive Office of Public Safety FFY 2007 STOP VAWA grant to continue the services provided in the Violent Crimes against Women Services Division within the established Middlesex Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit. The VAWA grant funds will be used to compensate a victim advocate that will focus on providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by inmates within the Billerica House of Correction. This funding will enable the Middlesex Sheriff's Office to provide much needed services and distribute information to victims of violent crimes against women in underserved communities throughout Middlesex County.	\$25,500.00
Milford Police Department  250 Main Street Milford, MA 01757	Milford Police Department Civilian Advocate	The collaborative position of Civilian Advocate that is supported by Milford Police Department and Wayside Trauma Intervention Services has just completed its fifth year of operation and is a model for sensitive, appropriate, well-focused support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Over 1500 victims have been served to date, and the program continues to attract more of the target population of underserved Brazilian, Portuguese, and Ecuadorian victims of abuse in the community. The proposed program is seeking to continue its expansion of services to these underserved people, while collaborating with other community agencies and gatekeepers to develop a dynamic, culturally responsive program for both immigrant and American populations. With the supportive services of Wayside's Trauma Program, the Civilian Advocate will continue to fashion a full-service action plan with appropriate referrals for extended services that will support recovery and healing for all victims of these interpersonal crimes.	\$31,000.00

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New Bedford Police Department  871 Rockdale Avenue New Bedford, MA 02740	Civilian Advocate Program	The Civilian Advocate, within the New Bedford Police Department, assists victims through the 209A court process as well as assisting them through the judicial system when a criminal case is involved. She also assists victims with referrals to outside agencies, shelters, hospitals and the courts. The civilian advocate strives to support domestic violence victims from the initial point of contact with the police department throughout the course of the judicial system.	\$33,500.00
Revere Police Department  23 Pleasant Street Revere MA, 02151	Revere Domestic Violence Program	The Revere Police Department will utilize VAWA STOP Grant Funds to further develop and expand the Department's current domestic violence and assault efforts so as to identify and prevent incidences of domestic violence/sexual assault in Revere, specifically among underserved populations, in particular the Hispanic and Asian communities of Revere. The Department will achieve this by maintaining two part-time bi-lingual victim advocates (one advocate to work with the Asian population and one advocate to work with the Hispanic population.). In addition, the Department will continue to work towards enhancing police responses to domestic violence and sexual assault incidences, and victim advocates will continue to work with officers to educate and inform the Asian and Hispanic communities about domestic violence/sexual assault.	\$25,000.00
Salisbury Police Department  14 Railroad Avenue Salisbury, MA 01952	Salisbury Rapid Response Team	The Salisbury Rapid Response Team will provide 24 hour support to victims of domestic violence seeking assistance at the Salisbury Police Department by having volunteer advocate respond directly to the department to provide one-on-one crisis intervention, risk assessment, safety planning and assist with any application for a 209A Abuse Prevention Order, or if a victim cannot come directly to the police station to receive advocacy, the responding officer will page the on call advocate who will offer any support and information by phone to the victim. Back-up staff from the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center will be available for phone consultations as needed for volunteers. Volunteers will make appropriate referrals for victims to the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and the Greater Newburyport Domestic Violence High Risk Response Team. The Civilian Advocate will place follow up calls to all victims to offer support, services and necessary referrals, supervise the team and act as a liaison to the police department.	\$25,000.00

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Springfield Police Department  130 Pearl Street Springfield, MA 01105	Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit	The Springfield Police Department will continue to employ a full-time Civilian Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Advocate assigned to the 4pm – 12am shift. The Advocate is assigned to the Juvenile and Domestic Violence Bureau. Her duties as an Advocate include, but are not limited to assisting victims with referrals, crisis counseling, obtaining restraining orders, victim statements, and assisting with shelter, food, transportation, and other temporary relief. The Advocate will also be available to assist with court appearances and will coordinate with the Victim Witness staff of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office.	\$35,682.00
West Tisbury Police Department  MVCS/WSS, 111 Edgartown Road Vineyard Haven, MA 02568	Women's Support Services	The West Tisbury Police Department Project will increase victim safety through a regional, Island-wide unified and multidisciplinary response to domestic violence. The Project will address the immediate safety and longer-term protection and supports needed by victims of domestic violence through direct services and case management; coordination of services with the domestic violence center, law enforcement, and the legal system; a Domestic Violence Task Force; evaluation and analysis of data collected and victim feedback to refine the community response and to enhance collaboration between the six police departments and Women's Support Services.	\$21,883.00
Weymouth Police Department  140 Winter Street Weymouth, MA 02188	VAWA Grant Program	This program proposes the continuation of a coordinated response to domestic violence within Norfolk County, Massachusetts by maintaining level funding for the Civilian Advocate Position within the Weymouth Police Department. This funding would allow for on-going outreach to victims of domestic violence that are identified by the police department and local referring agencies. Over 800 victims are identified annually through this police department and offered information, support, safety planning and referrals. Through this position the advocate also attends interagency meetings and provides community education workshops for the purpose of enhancing a collaborative effort to increase victim safety.	\$20,500.00

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YWCA of Western Massachusetts

Rural Outreach Intervention Program

1 Clough Street  
Springfield, MA 01118

The YWCA of Western MA Rural Outreach Program provides assistance, advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence in the Hilltowns of western Massachusetts. The YWCA Outreach Advocate works with the State Police to provide quick advocacy and support services to victims who are identified by the police through emergency calls. The advocate coordinates services with the YWCA so that 24-hour emergency coverage is provided by other YWCA advocates at the YWCA's Domestic Violence Shelter when the police follow-up advocate is not working. In addition to immediate police follow-up, the advocate serves as a liaison to the District Attorney to help prosecute and/or obtain restraining orders against abusers, help obtain medical assistance, and refer victims to the YWCA's counseling and support group services.

\$23,000.00

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<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Program Name</i>		
Brockton Housing Authority	BHA Civilian Police Advocate	Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc. (BFCR) and the Brockton Housing Authority have collaborated for several years to serve the needs of families in low income housing. This proposal seeks to continue our very successful program providing services to victims of domestic violence and their children who are residents of Brockton Housing Authority sites, receive Section 8 vouchers through Brockton Housing Authority, or are at risk of losing their housing/are currently homeless. The BHA Advocate provides advocacy, case management, crisis intervention, referrals to other community providers, and serves as a bridge between the victim and housing personnel. The BHA Advocate also conducts trainings with BHA and other low income housing management staff, as well as tenant leadership, to improve the understanding of and response to victims who reside in these locations.	\$22,892.00
45 Goddard Road Brockton, MA 02301			
Cambridge Health Alliance	Prevention Against Violent Experiences (PAVE) Programs	The Domestic Violence Universal Screening and Intervention Project, known as PAVE (Prevention Against Violent Experiences), is an initiative to provide computerized screening for domestic violence with appropriate intervention and follow-up within the health care setting of the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). PAVE also has a special focus of improving identification of and intervention with immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence. This pilot project is a partnership between the Institute for Community Health (ICH), the Victims of Violence Project (VOV), the Cambridge Public Health Department (CPHD), and the CHA Women's Health Clinics (WHC) in Cambridge and Somerville.	\$31,500.00
1493 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02139			
Finex House	Kim's Project	Kim's Project is a survivor-centered program that reaches out to those most exploited or at risk for severe physical and sexual violence; women involved in prostitution. By reaching out and working in collaboration with law enforcement and the courts, Kim's Project works to shift the response to more service oriented approaches, creating real escape, non-judgmental peer support and access to more long term needs such as housing, education and employment. The "ultimate" goal of the project is to bring an end to commercial sexual exploitation while addressing gender inequality, poverty, racism, oppressions and circumstances that contribute to women's involvement in prostitution.	\$32,000.00
989 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA 02215			
HarborCOV, Inc.	HarborCOV, Inc.	HarborCOV seeks continued funding from the Violence Against Women Act to help continue to provide culturally competent direct-service supervision, advocacy and comprehensive support to underserved populations. In addition to maintaining our emergency-shelter services, we will be able to: expand our outreach to more effectively provide multicultural, multilingual services to immigrants, including those seeing legal assistance with immigration matters and to identify and address service gaps.	\$21,000.00
P.O. Box 505754 Chelsea, MA 02150			

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Jane Doe, Inc.  14 Beacon Street, Suite 507 Boston, MA 02108	Domestic Violence Homicide Study	S.T.O.P. grant funding will allow Jane Doe Inc. to continue to research, review and analyze domestic violence related homicides in Massachusetts. It will also allow follow up regarding findings that indicate needed improvements in practice. The information gathered in the third year of the grant will enable Jane Doe Inc. to build upon a body of Massachusetts-based knowledge about the unique characteristics of domestic violence related homicides to inform future policy, practice, research and protocols. In particular, the grant enables Jane Doe Inc. to obtain court records, CORI access and other information necessary to conducting a more thorough review of these deaths.	\$50,825.00
Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers  1046 Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA 02139	Domestic Violence Prevention & Advocacy Program	The Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers (MAPS) Domestic Violence Prevention and Advocacy Program for Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole speakers will assist 170 women who are victims, survivors or potential victims of domestic violence and are from the Greater Boston Area, especially Allston-Brighton, Roxbury/ Dorchester, Somerville and Cambridge, and surrounding areas, including 70 through VAWA funding. The major emphasis will be on serving Cape Verdean women since they have had less access to services. Our Domestic Violence Advocate will help the women access protection and a continuum of services in a linguistically and culturally competent manner so that they—and their families—may stabilize their lives and become free from violence. The program will also provide outreach and educate individuals in the Portuguese- and Cape Verdean Creole-speaking communities about issues of domestic violence, prevention, and services available to them.	\$15,000.00
NELCWIT  PO Box 520 Greenfield, MA 01302	Latina Outreach	NELCWIT's Latina Outreach Program is designed to help Latina survivors of domestic violence to access prevention, intervention, and recovery services. The Latina Outreach Advocate (LOA) seeks to connect Latina women to a safe network in which they can access the help they need to survive and to move on to the next step in their lives. During the last eight years, NELCWIT's LOA has effectively established trust and cultivated relationships in the Latino community, resulting in an increase in the number of calls we receive from Latinas. In the coming year, the LOA will continue to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy, information, and referrals; to conduct outreach activities in the Franklin County Latino community; and to	\$22,000.00

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Rape Crisis Center of Central MA  799 West Boylston Street Worcester, MA 01606	Our Deaf Sisters' Survivor Support Project	Our Deaf Sisters' Survivor Project will continue program development to address the needs of survivors of violence who are Deaf, hard of hearing, late Deafened and Deaf/blind. The program's continuance will graduate 5 Deaf counselors from our state certified crisis counselor training program in order to provide counseling services to survivors of rape, sexual assault and domestic violence who are Deaf, hard of hearing, late Deafened and Deaf/blind. Counseling and advocacy services will be provided through the collaborative efforts of the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts (the lead agency), Our Deaf Sisters' Center and The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Program at the Center for Living & Working, Inc	\$31,500.00
Safe Passage  43 Center Street, Suite 304 Northampton, MA 01060	Services to Underserved Populations	Safe Passage is requesting VAWA funds to continue our Services to Underserved Populations program in the coming year, providing direct services to Latinas, immigrants, and other women whose primary language is not English. Services under the grant will include individual and group support; advocacy; provision of interpreting services; coordination of Spanish-speaking volunteers; development of outreach materials in Spanish; information/training sessions for staff and/or clients of community agencies serving Latinas and/or immigrants; and updating our Guía de Agencias y Servicios para la Comunidad (Resource Guide) for Spanish-speaking clients.	\$49,500.00
South Middlesex Opportunity Council  300 Howard Street Framingham, MA 01702	Voices Against Violence (Lawyer for the Day)	Voices Against Violence's Victim Advocate Program will provide comprehensive services to Portuguese-speaking (primarily Brazilian) victims of domestic violence in the Metrowest area. Services will be provided at the Voices community-based services office in Framingham and other locations as needed, and will include culturally and linguistically appropriate crisis intervention, supportive counseling, legal and medical advocacy, support groups and 24-hour hotline services. The program will also collaborate with South Middlesex Legal Services to provide weekly Lawyer for the Day services at Marlboro District Court where the Voices' bilingual advocate and a pro bono attorney offer free legal consultation and support.	\$31,500.00
Third Sector New England, Inc.  89 South Street, Suite 700 Boston, MA 02111	Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against DV	Safe Havens' Manna in the Wilderness Project provides vital information that moves faith leaders and congregations along the spectrum of understanding domestic violence. Providing community outreach, training, technical assistance and capacity building, the Manna in the Wilderness Project prepares faith communities to engage in a coordinated community response to domestic violence and encourages follow-on training through Safe Havens' Family Violence Prevention Project.	\$27,000.00

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YWCA of Greater Lawrence

YWCA Court and Legal Advocacy Project

38 Lawrence Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840

The YWCA of Greater Lawrence Court and Legal Advocacy Project is based at Lawrence District Court, where YWCA staff provide legal advocacy services to adolescents and women (a majority of whom are Latina, for whom English is not the primary language) seeking the protection of the courts because of their victimization through domestic violence or sexual assault. The Project provides advocacy services to walk-in clients in Spanish, English and Italian. Court and legal advocacy services include bilingual assistance with restraining orders, help with navigating the court system, assistance with immigration-related questions, linkage to free/ low cost legal services, and linkage to other YWCA and community services such as shelter or safe-home referral, safety planning, counseling, police advocacy, medical advocacy, housing advocacy, and financial assistance.

\$21,500.00



## *Eligibility Category*

## *Prosecution*

<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>2007 Award</i>
Bristol County District Attorney's Office  888 Purchase Street, 5th Floor New Bedford, MA 02740	Intimate Partner Violence Project	The purpose of this application is to allow the continuation of the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) initiative in the Bristol County District Attorney's Office. The IPV initiative is vital to meet the needs of the Portuguese-speaking population of Bristol County. This office will work to overcome the language and cultural barriers we face in dealing with such a diverse population mix and increase the level of safety for victims in circumstances that involve violence against women, in particular intimate partner violence, sexual assault and stalking.	\$46,000.00
Hampden County District Attorney's Office  50 State Street, PO Box 559 Springfield, MA 01102-0559	Mom's Safety First Project	The mission of the Mom's Safety First Project is to identify mothers who come to the attention of the Hampden County DA's Office through reports of child abuse and who are victims of domestic violence in order to provide coordinated and victim-centered advocacy and support that results in greater safety for her and her children through improved access to law enforcement and community based service providers throughout the county. The Mom's Safety First advocate will be a pivotal position in the Securing Safe Futures Initiative in the in the District Attorney's Office, as it will interact with and coordinate the services within the Office and within the community in order to respond seamlessly to a victim's safety needs. The project will further the goals of the Hampden County Task Force in building an effective community response against domestic violence.	\$32,000.00
Massachusetts District Attorney Association  One Bulfinch Place, Suite 202 Boston, MA 02114	Violence Against Women Training and Policy Institute	The Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (MDAA) serves a core community of 700 prosecutors and 250 victim witness advocates - - assistant attorneys general in the Attorney General's Criminal Bureau, local and state police investigators, community advocates, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA), the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC), and numerous other professionals in the criminal justice field - - with whom we routinely collaborate and share resources. We request VAWA funding to provide continuing education and training to these professionals, especially our prosecutors and advocates, on matters relating to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. MDAA will continue to track policy and legislative issues, provide summaries of relevant new court decisions to all prosecutors statewide, develop website content, publish training materials and implement several new training programs for the prosecutors and victim-witness advocates who work on these important cases.	\$141,000.00

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Middlesex District Attorney's Office  40 Thorndike Street Cambridge, MA 02141	Domestic Violence Division	Middlesex District Attorney's Office will utilize the STOP grant funds to VAWA to staff two bilingual victim witness positions providing direct services to domestic violence victims from cultural and linguistic minority communities. The VAWA advocates will staff Lowell District Court and Somerville District Court, serving Latino and Cambodian victims who are involved in the criminal process and victims who are seeking the protection of a restraining order under M.G.L. 209a.	\$48,600.00
Norfolk County District Attorney's Office  45 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021	DV/SA Prosecutor Project	This project addresses the challenge of identifying high risk offenders, expediting their cases for prosecution and coordinating information sharing with the police and area providers. The Norfolk County DA's Office seeks continuation funding for two Assistant District Attorney's who will work closely with probation, police and victim advocates to target and expedite the prosecution of high risk sexual assault and domestic violence offenders. We will bring these cases to a resolution within 6 months of arraignment. It is our belief that such close tracking of cases by this office, police and probation enhances victim safety.	\$86,000.00
Northwestern District Attorney's Office  One Gleason Plaza Northampton, MA 01060	DVIP/AWARE Project	The Domestic Violence Intervention Project /Abused Women's Active Response Emergency Project (DVIP/AWARE), within the Northwestern DA's Office, is an early intervention, collaborative program that combines the services of forty five police departments, five state police barracks, two dispatch centers, three courts, three victim service providers and our local batterer's intervention program. This regional approach to domestic violence spans two counties and forty seven towns, including the Town of Athol in Worcester County. Advocates, hired by victim service providers in Franklin and Hampshire Counties, are available by cell phone to assist police in providing a comprehensive response to victims of domestic abuse, including the installation of an AWARE alarm for high risk cases. Court liaison staff, from the batterer's intervention program, meet with batterers in three courts and provide information and referral to certified batterer's intervention.	\$113,500.00
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office  32 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301	Brockton Vertical Prosecution Team	The Plymouth County District Attorney's Office is requesting continued funding for the partial salary of a bilingual prosecutor and the full salary for a bilingual advocate to maintain a prosecution team assigned to Brockton District Court. These positions will not only work towards vertical prosecution of their caseload, but also will continue to develop and improve a current survey soliciting victim feedback and strengthen the Brockton Area Multi-disciplinary Community Roundtable.	\$57,000.00

## *Eligibility Category*    *Victim Services*

<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>2007 Award</i>
Asian Task Force Against DV  P.O. Box 120108 Boston, MA 02112	Lowell Asian Project Against Domestic Violence	The Lowell Asian Project Against Domestic Violence is a satellite program of the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence's Asian Shelter & Advocacy Project, and serves battered families in the large Cambodian and South Asian communities in Lowell, Massachusetts. The Lowell Asian Project was established in 1997 in partnership with the Southeast Asian Families Against Domestic Violence, a coalition of Lowell Asian leaders, community organizations and concerned individuals. The Lowell Asian Project integrates direct services with prevention, outreach, community organizing and education in Lowell.	\$20,000.00
Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc.  9 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301	Domestic Violence Action Program	Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc. (BFCR) will provide for the greater Brockton area a continuum of services to victims of domestic violence with substance abuse issues as well as group and individual services to lesbian battered women. Services for battered women with substance abuse issues and for lesbian battered women will include: safety planning; intake and assessment; advocacy; case management; supportive and therapeutic counseling; psychiatric evaluations and med visits as necessary. All services will be provided in a setting maintaining the victim's confidentiality and will be provided free of charge.	\$29,000.00
Elizabeth Freeman Center  43 Francis Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201	Violence Prevention through Parenting Education/Support	The Elizabeth Freeman Center (EFC) is seeking EOPS/VAWA funding to continue its program of support and education to victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and harassment. The EFC program uses group and dyad modalities at emergency shelter for battered women. Weekly support and parent education groups are offered at the shelter as well as family specific, individualized parent education.	\$15,217.00
Elizabeth Stone House, Inc.  P.O. Box 300039 Jamaica Plain, MA 02130	Outreach and Education	The Outreach and Education Program educates the public and other service providers in domestic violence programs, shelters, the courts, and law enforcement about the insidiousness of family violence, and its connection to substance abuse and mental illness. The program disseminates printed materials, provides information sessions, and offers half-day and one day trainings designed from our experience. Since its inception in 1974, the Elizabeth Stone House shelters women and their children fleeing violence in general and provides a good fit for those women in particular with multiple issues.	\$19,725.00

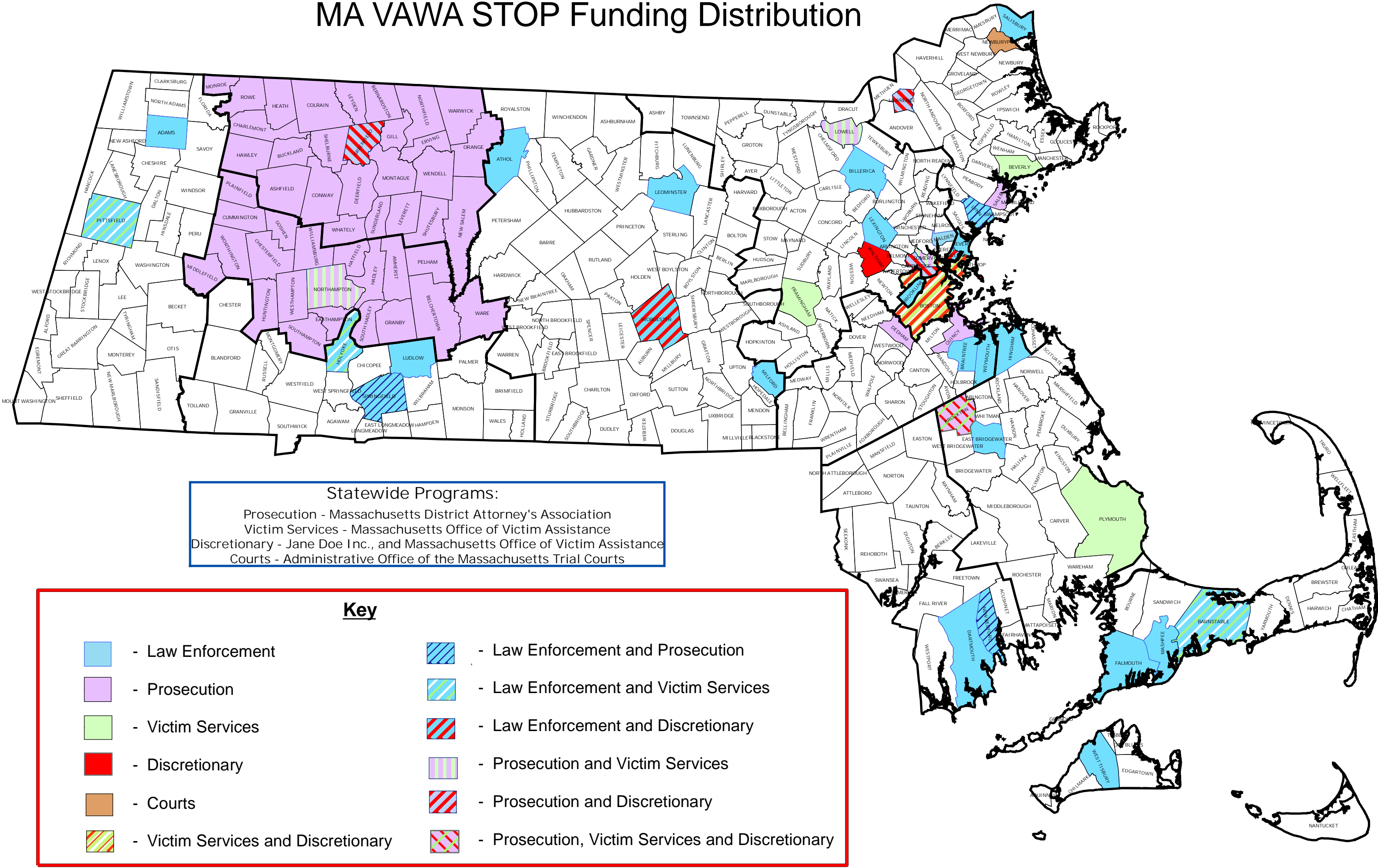
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Health and Education Services, Inc.  156 Cabot Street Beverly, MA 01915	TIP Teenage Intervention Program	The Teen Intervention Program (T.I.P.), within Health and Education Services, is a program designed to reach out and provide support to adolescent survivors and significant others of sexual abuse. T.I.P.'s services include individual and group counseling, as well as, legal and medical advocacy. We refer parents and guardians of sexually abused teens to our parents' support group, and we refer adolescent survivors of domestic violence to Help for Abuse Women and their Children (HAWC) and the Women's Crisis Center and do extensive community outreach. We are constantly working to develop and maintain relationships with local battered women's programs and other agencies that serve teenagers, in order to better reach our target population.	\$28,500.00
Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Womans place Crisis Ctr. - Multicultural Inc.  950 West Chestnut Street Brockton, MA 02301		Health Care of Southeastern MA is proposing to continue our successful efforts at improving the accessibility of domestic violence and sexual assault services for multi-cultural communities through the provision of linguistically and culturally competent counseling, advocacy and outreach services to Cape Verdean and Portuguese survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout Plymouth County. Services will include individual and group counseling, crisis intervention and service referral and coordination to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Education and outreach efforts are accomplished through collaborative relationships with community based organizations currently serving the target populations.	\$25,000.00
High Point Treatment Center, Inc.  71 Court Street Plymouth, MA 02360	South Shore Women's Resource Center	The South Shore Women's Resource Center Older Women's Program offers services which have been developed specifically for women, who are victims of domestic violence and are 57 years and older. The counselor/advocate provides crisis intervention, safety planning, risk assessment, as well as individual and group counseling and extensive advocacy. The advocate validates a woman's experience, informs her of available resources and assists her by explaining options and empowering her to make her own decisions. In addition she provides community outreach to councils on aging, civic organizations, service providers, churches, clubs and individuals in 16 towns in Plymouth County.	\$29,000.00
Independence House, Inc.  160 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601	Falmouth/Provincetown/Orleans	The Independence House (IH) Falmouth/Provincetown/Orleans Program will provide crisis intervention, individual support and advocacy, group counseling, outreach education and training to adult victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence residing in the outer and upper Cape Cod towns.	\$25,000.00

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Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance  One Ashburton Place, Room 1101 Boston, MA 02108	SAFEPLAN	SAFEPLAN is a court advocacy program created by Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) in 1995, which is authorized by the Massachusetts legislature to oversee the program. SAFEPLAN is a partnership between MOVA and community-based domestic violence programs. SAFEPLAN advocates are housed in district and probate courts throughout the Commonwealth (currently in Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Plymouth and Worcester counties). SAFEPLAN works in collaboration with district attorneys' offices and other allied criminal justice and social service agencies to provide a statewide system of court advocacy for victims of domestic violence considering a 209A restraining order	\$265,880.00
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance - SANE Program SANE  One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor Boston, MA 02108		The SANE Training Initiative is under going a transition with the Program's successful transition over the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance. During this phase of the transition of SANE services the program will provide quality services and ongoing education and training support to the SANEs and the community through the outstanding leadership of the SANE Program Staff. The program recently promoted our Western Massachusetts Regional Coordinator, Kathy Jolin, to be the Adult and Adolescent Associate Director. This position will oversee services and manage all Regional Coordinator staff to ensure that training and quality assurance are part of our monthly regional SANE meetings.	\$44,000.00
Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell  144 Merrimack Street, Suite 304 Lowell, MA 01852	Substance Abuse and Prostitution Outreach Program	Since the fall of 2002, Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell has provided the Substance Abuse and Prostitution Outreach Program to women who are substance abusing and prostituted, with major support from VAWA S.T.O.P. grants and supplemented by private fundraising. Julie Williams, a certified rape crisis counselor, works 20 hours per week with survivors of sexual assault who are accessing services at local substance abuse programs. Groups are facilitated at four participating agencies - a long-term residential, inpatient, court mandated day treatment, and long -term, transitional housing. In addition survivors are offered individual and group counseling at Rape Crisis Services' of Greater Lowell.	\$23,300.00
REACH  P.O. Box 540024 Waltham, MA 02454	HOPE Project	The Hope Project, which examines the intersection of domestic violence, substance abuse and transactional sex, will continue to facilitate training and technical assistance for service providers, and provide groups for women at local homeless shelters. Additionally, the Hope Project will begin to expand its services beyond groups and include follow-up work with individual women.	\$24,500.00

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RESPOND, Inc  P.O. Box 555 Somerville, MA 02143	Linguistic Outreach Project	Initiated over ten years ago, RESPOND's Linguistic Outreach Project (LOP) supports battered immigrant women through a combination of community outreach, on-site advocacy and emotional support, legal advocacy, a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency safety planning, community education, and other culturally and linguistically appropriate services.	\$29,000.00
South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SAPW)  300 Howard Street Framingham, MA 01702	Voices Against Violence- (Substance Abuse)	The Voices Against Violence Woman's Advocate Program's, within South Middlesex Opportunity Council, mission is to empower substance abusing women who have experienced prostitution, sexual exploitation, assault, trauma and domestic violence to gain independence and live free from violence and abuse and to assist those who choose to leave prostitution by offering appropriate services and support. Voices approaches this work from within a context that views prostitution as violence against women, and substance abuse as intrinsically linked to the psychological and physical harm associated with being prostituted. Towards this, the woman's advocate program will provide comprehensive including one-on-one counseling and support groups (both on and off site), advocacy, information and referral, education and outreach, and 24-hour hotline services.	\$25,000.00
The Network/La Red  P.O. Box 6011 Boston, MA 02114	Visibility Campaign	The Network/La Red is seeking funding to continue the second phase of our Visibility Campaign which is coordinated and implemented by our Director of Organizing & Education. The campaign seeks to address the lack of information, awareness and reporting on lesbian/bisexual/transgender (LBT) domestic violence within both LBT and mainstream communities. During the first phase of the Campaign, we focused on education about the prevalence and severity of battering within LBT communities and raising basic awareness. During this second phase, while continuing to provide basic education and outreach, we have expanded the focus of the Campaign to include building community ownership of and responsibility for battering.	\$24,000.00
Womanshelter/Companeras  P.O. Box 1099 Holyoke, MA 01040	AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug) Program	Womanshelter/Compañeras will provide specialized alcohol and other drug (AOD) services to victims suffering from co-occurring domestic violence and substance dependencies. The AOD Specialist works closely with women in shelter to develop individualized safety and service plans, facilitate support groups, and link victims to community resources that offer detox, outpatient treatment, or ongoing support. The AOD Specialist serves 60 to 75 victims annually, including those with histories of prostitution and participates in local coalitions and workshops that promote enhanced understanding and victim-sensitive services for women with histories of domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or prostitution.	\$25,000.00



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